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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of November 13, 2003 (Paper No. 2), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 13, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

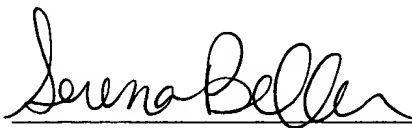
Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIGURE 2. This sheet replaces the original sheet of FIGURE 2. Applicants have replaced the incorrect label 120 with the correct label of 110.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes